

MEMORANDUM

Engineering Department



DATE: October 22, 2018

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Julie Edmonds-Mares, City Manager 

FROM: Steve Erickson, Engineering Director/City Engineer

SUBJECT: Recyclables and Garbage Collection Services and Pines Parking Updates

Included within this report are informational updates to recyclables and garbage collection services, specifically information on proper sorting of non-recyclables, and also on The Pines on-street parking options, as was last discussed at Council in [August 2018](#).

Recyclables and Garbage Collection Services:

In an effort to help avoid contamination of recyclables with garbage, Milpitas Sanitation, Inc. (MSI) has developed the attached brochure outlining common household items that are not currently accepted for recycling. This information will be sent to every household in the City.

- Currently, residential recycling varies from 10% to 50% contamination and the goal is to reduce the contamination rate with proper sorting. The processing company adds a per ton cost to MSI when contamination exceeds 30%.
- MSI produces a quarterly newsletter, as well as guides and posters with information designed to help residential customers make the most of the programs and services offered, including the need for proper sorting, using the bulky item/bag cleanup services, green yard trimmings, the blue recyclables split cart and the gray garbage/food scrap split cart.
- For more reuse and reduction tips, visit www.MilpitasSanitation.com/reduce-reuse-recycle or call MSI at (408) 988-4500.

Update on The Pines On-Street Parking

Following a residential survey conducted earlier this year where respondents supported a parking permit program in The Pines neighborhood, the City is now considering two options to address parking congestion. The attached informational memo will be disseminated to the 407 residents closest to Abel Street, which includes a link to a survey so that residents within the area can provide comments and input on two potential options to address on-street parking congestion, as follows:

- Option 1: A six-month pilot parking permit program where residents would be required to have a parking permit for streets in the northeast corner of The Pines (see attached map); or
- Option 2: The acquisition of shared-use parking agreements for Pines residents to use nearby private parking lots, such as the Zanker Elementary School lot and/or the use of the privately owned Liberty Plaza parking lot.

Based on the input received from the neighborhood, an update, including next steps, will be provided to the Mayor and Council, which is expected in late 2018/early 2019. For more information, residents may contact Traffic Engineering at (408) 586-3300.

WHERE DO THESE ITEMS BELONG? PROPER SORTING MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Avoid contamination by sorting your recyclables properly.
Below are some of the common items that cannot be recycled.

TAKEOUT/SALAD CLAMSHELLS

Belong in the **GARBAGE** section of your gray split cart, or dedicated **GARBAGE** cart/bin. (Use/request recyclable/compostable/reusable options.)



SHRINK WRAP/ PLASTIC FILM

Belongs in the **GARBAGE** section of your gray split cart, or dedicated **GARBAGE** cart/bin. (Contain multiple pieces for collection.)



CEREAL BAGS

Belong in the **GARBAGE** section of your gray split cart, or dedicated **GARBAGE** cart/bin.



ONLINE RETAILER SHIPPING BAGS

Belong in the **GARBAGE** section of your gray split cart, or dedicated **GARBAGE** cart/bin. (Reuse when possible!)



CHIP/SNACK PACKAGING

Belongs in the **GARBAGE** section of your gray split cart, or dedicated **GARBAGE** cart/bin.



STYROFOAM BLOCKS/FOOD WARE/PACKAGING PEANUTS

Belong in the **GARBAGE** section of your gray split cart, or dedicated **GARBAGE** cart/bin. (Contain multiple pieces in a single bag for collection. Avoid products with excessive and/or non-recyclable packaging.)



BUBBLE WRAP

Belongs in the **GARBAGE** section of your gray split cart, or dedicated **GARBAGE** cart/bin. (Reuse or choose environmentally friendly packaging options.)



PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS/ DIAPERS/

Belong in the **GARBAGE** section of your gray split cart, or dedicated **GARBAGE** cart/bin.



PET WASTE

Belongs in the **GARBAGE** section of your gray split cart, or dedicated **GARBAGE** cart/bin.



PLASTIC PLATES/ CUPS/UTENSILS

Belong in the **GARBAGE** section of your gray split cart, or dedicated **GARBAGE** cart/bin. (Provide reusable options. Keep reusable cutlery with you to use when needed.)



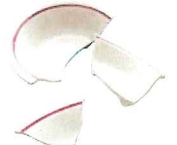
CDS/DVDS/ VHS TAPES

Belong in the **GARBAGE** section of your gray split cart, or dedicated **GARBAGE** cart/bin. (Try donating to a resale shop or charity before disposing.)



CROCKERY/ DISHWARE

Belongs in the **GARBAGE** section of your gray split cart, or dedicated **GARBAGE** cart/bin.



SOILED PAPER TOWELS/ NAPKINS/ TISSUES

Food-soiled items belong in the **FOOD SCRAPS** section of your gray split cart or the dedicated **FOOD SCRAPS** cart/bin.



**The cleanest and most efficient sorting
starts with you, the generator.**
We thank you for all of your efforts.

Reduce, Reuse and Repair Before You Recycle!

Small changes in your purchasing habits and daily routine can make a big impact!

REPAIR INSTEAD OF PURCHASE. Before you replace an item, see if it can be repaired.
If you do purchase something new, find the highest quality/longest lasting option possible.

OPT FOR USED PRODUCTS. Reuse what you already have or purchase a “gently used” item from a resale shop or website. Share/trade items with friends and neighbors.

CHOOSE REUSABLES. Shop with reusable bags and totes, bring your travel mug to the coffee shop, pack reusable utensils for lunch and carry a reusable water bottle with you!

AVOID PURCHASING PRODUCTS WITH EXCESSIVE PACKAGING. Choose items sold with recyclable/environmentally mindful packaging. Avoid single-serve or single-use items. Skip the straw at restaurants.



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SPECIAL RECYCLING EDITION

Did You Know?

40% of the material in the blue *recyclables* cart or bin is paper. Reduce paper waste by stopping unwanted mail.

- Remove your address from direct mail registries at: www.DirectMail.com.
- Discontinue unwanted catalogs at: www.CatalogChoice.org.
- Prevent automatic phonebook deliveries at: www.YellowPagesOptOut.com.



QUESTIONS? WHEN IN DOUBT... FIND OUT!

CONTACT US:

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**FOR MORE REUSE AND
REDUCTION TIPS VISIT:**

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reduce-reuse-recycle/](http://www.MilpitasSanitation.com/reduce-reuse-recycle/)

Starlite Pines Neighborhood On-Street Parking Update



In early 2018, the City of Milpitas conducted an in-person survey of the residents in The Pines neighborhood to gauge potential support of a residential parking permit program to help reduce parking congestion in your area (see map on the back).

Approximately half of the surveyed residents responded with positive support for such a parking permit program in the surveyed area. Based on this support, the City is now considering two options to address parking congestion.

Your input is valuable in determining the next step, please visit <http://tiny.cc/Pinesupdate> to provide your comments and input.

Option #1: Pilot Parking Permit Program

For a six-month pilot period, residents would be required to have a parking permit for streets in the northeast corner of The Pines (see map on the back).

During this pilot period:

- Parking permit requirements would in effect from 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m., 7 days per week.
- Each household would be issued up to three permits, at no cost, with proof of residency.
- The pilot program would be enforced by requiring the display of a permit.
- Parking citations would also be issued for violations of all vehicle code and municipal code regulations such as:
 - o Fire hydrant blockage
 - o 90 degree (head-in) parking in cul-de-sacs
 - o Expired vehicle registration
 - o Vehicles parked on street longer than 72 hours
 - o Parking at street corners

Points of Consideration for Pilot Parking Permit Program:

- The purpose of the pilot program is to assess its practicality and effects. After the pilot, the City would evaluate the program in consultation with the neighborhood.
- The pilot would not guarantee on-street parking for residents since the number of vehicles in the neighborhood might be greater than the available on-street spaces.
- The limit of three parking permits per household may still require some residents to park their vehicles in their driveways or garages, or store them elsewhere.

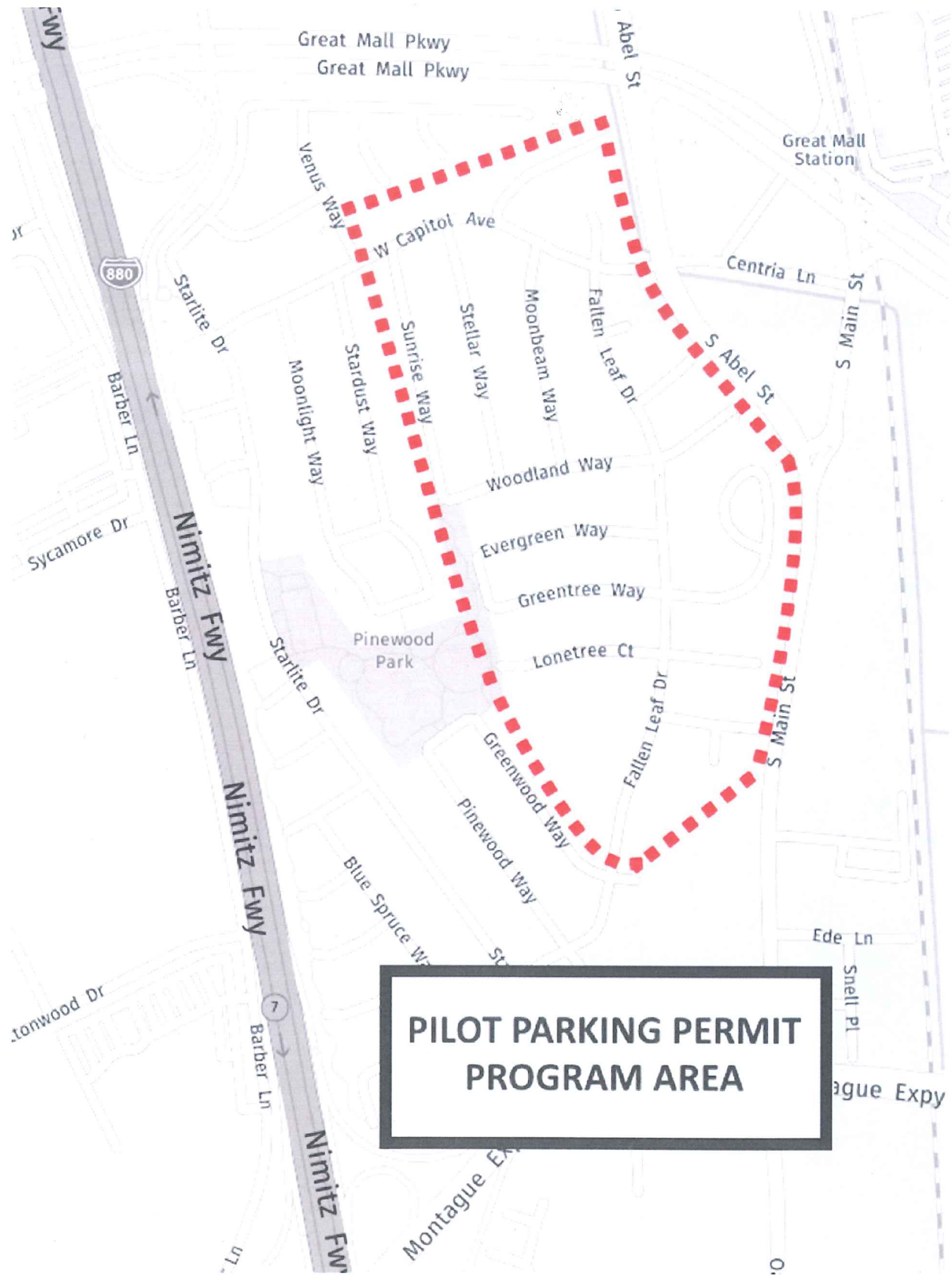
Option #2: Share-Use Parking Agreements

The City would work to facilitate private overnight shared-use parking agreements between residents and private parking lot owners.

This might include an arrangement with the Milpitas Unified School District for permitted use of the Zanker School parking lot, and/or for use of the privately owned Liberty Plaza parking lot on Abel Street.

The details of this option would depend on the willingness of private parking lot owners to participate, or the specific terms that they might require.

The results of Option #1, the pilot program, also could be a factor affecting the potential need for Option #2.



**PILOT PARKING PERMIT
PROGRAM AREA**